

# Baptists Have Contracts With The Past, Future

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In two parts—Part One  
Edmund Burke said, "Civilization is a contract between the great dead, the living and the unborn." Thus he shows our unseverable attachments to our cancellable contracts with the Past, the Present, the Future. As

Baptists today we are  
Debtors To The Dead  
Rich our social and spiritual capital today—rich in a thousand treasures that come to us out of the past. As Baptists we cannot examine and evaluate our social capital of today without seeing that the spiritual and social vines that bear fruit for us spring out of ancient graves. We cannot

turn the telescope of observation upon our spiritual capital of today without seeing the consecrated blood of yesterday. Church bells that ring echo with the groans of those who died in struggles for religious freedom. The Bible, making more by-paths and travelling more highways and knocking at more doors and seed planted in our new-world soil

speaking to more people in their mother tongue than any book ever read, is stained with the blood of those who stood for it on torture racks, in jail, in exile. Thus the common people, privileged to read the Scriptures in their own vernacular, leaped over the antique walls of civilization, destroyed prejudices, deeply rooted in the immemorial past, and

left blind alleys of ignorance for endless highways of wisdom. Much that we enjoy today of civil, intellectual and religious hope is but the moral courage, intellectual perception and spiritual suffering of the past appearing under new and resplendent forms.  
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FINISHING TOUCHES—A prayer breakfast will kick off observances of Baptist Men's Day January 22 in thousands of Southern Baptist churches throughout the United States. This event, emphasizing the contributions of men in missions, is sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission and state Brotherhood departments. (Photo by Kenneth Everett)

### New Amendment By Dirksen Is Proposed

By W. Barry Garrett  
WASHINGTON (BP)—Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen (R., Ill.) has offered a much revised Constitutional "Prayer Amendment" to the 90th Congress in which he backs away from some of the basic concepts of his 1966 proposal.  
Last year the Senator pushed for an amendment that would "provide for" and "permit" voluntary regulation of prayers by students and other public buildings. It would have been a grant of a measure of religious powers to public authorities.  
The new revised version of the Dirksen Amendment says:

### PR Meet Held On Gulf Coast

The 1967 workshop of the Southern Baptist Public Relations Association is being held this week at Edgewater Gulf Hotel on the Gulf Coast. David Morris, Montgomery, Ala., is president.

Principal speakers are Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, industrialist; Purser Hewitt, executive editor, Jackson, Clarion Ledger; Dr. Pierce Harris, former pastor, First Methodist Church, Atlanta; Rev. Lee Franklin, pastor, Pintlala Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.; Claud O'Shields, eastern representative, Radio and Television Commission, Wilmington, N.C. and Dr. Albert McClellan, Program Planning Secretary, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville.

The workshop began at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday and adjourns at noon Friday.

Joe Abrams, Jackson, associate editor of the Baptist Record, and director of Mississippi Baptist News Service, is program vice-president.

More than 100 Baptist public relations workers and executives from every section of the Southern Baptist Convention are expected.

"Communicating In a Changing World" will be workshop theme.

### 827 Enrollment At William Carey

Eight hundred twenty-seven students have enrolled during the fall semester at William Carey College, Hattiesburg and second semester registration will take place Jan. 31.

Classes for spring term will begin the following day, Feb. 1.

Students intending to enter the college during the semester break period should contact Bill Mitchell, director of admissions, as quickly as possible to insure their being accepted in plenty of time to enter classes on schedule on February 1, according to Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president.

Blue Mountain College will close its first semester of the current session with mid-term examinations which are to be held January 23-28.

Registration for all students, who expect to enroll for the second semester, will be held on Monday, January 30. All new students who are to enroll will be held on Monday, January 30. All new students who are to enroll will be held on Monday, January 30. All new students who are to enroll will be held on Monday, January 30.

### VBS Clinic Set For Gulfshore

The annual State Baptist Vacation Bible School Clinic will be held at Gulfshore Assembly in Pass Christian Jan. 30-Feb. 1, according to Bryant M. Cummings, secretary of the Sunday School Department sponsoring group.

Those to attend will be associational Vacation Bible School teams from the 77 associations in the state. They will return and conduct clinics in the churches of the associations. Mr. Cummings said.

Out-of-state program personalities will be Sibley C. Burnett, consultant, Vacation Bible School Department; Glynn T. Hill, consultant, Church Library Service; Saxe Adams, consultant, Church Music Department, all of Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Aubrey Hearn, nursery worker, Nashville; Miss Irene Covington, director of elementary education, First Church, Memphis, and Miss Marcie Creech, primary-junior director, First Church, Amarillo, Texas.

State leaders to participate will include Rev. Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway Church, and Mrs. Causey; Mrs. Clyde Bryan; James Webster, educational director, Van Winkle Baptist Church all of Jackson and staff members of Sunday School Department.

Miss Carolyn Madison, associate in the department, will direct the clinic.



Sibley Burnett

### FMB GETS \$1,829,531 SBC ADVANCE FUNDS

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, announced in the Board's monthly meeting January 12 that at the end of the year the Board received \$1,829,531 of Cooperative Program advance funds.

This was the Board's share of money received by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention after the operating budget of the Convention was met in

late November. (The money was divided between the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, with the Foreign Board getting two thirds.)

The Board designated all of the 1966 advance funds for its overseas work: \$500,000 for Latin America, \$500,000 for the Orient, \$250,000 for Africa, \$250,000 for Europe and the Middle East, \$100,000 for relief to be used anywhere there is need, and \$229,531 for special projects in evangelism and church development across the world.

The final report on the Board's total income for 1966 is not complete, but it is expected to be slightly in excess of \$28,500,000. Dr. Cauthen called attention to the fact that advance in foreign missions requires a minimum of \$2,000,000 annually in the operating budget of the Board. And even then approximately \$4,000,000 of officially submitted requests from the Missions remain unanswered each year after all funds have been received and appropriated, he said.

Concluding, Dr. Cauthen said: "May Southern Baptists remember at all times that giving and effort need to be undiminished by intercessory prayer for people in the troubled areas of the world—such as mainland China in its current need."

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### Congress To Face Many Church-Interest Issues

By W. Barry Garrett  
WASHINGTON (BP)—The rapid-fire developments of the first week of the 90th Congress of the United States forecasts many stormy battles on issues of concern to church people.

Both the House of Representatives and the Senate opened with prayers led by their chaplains. The House members said in unison the Lord's Prayer before they plunged headlong into the bloody fight over the seating of Congressman Adam C. Powell (D., N.Y.), who is also pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church of Harlem.

No list of charges was made against Powell as the House overwhelmingly denied him his seat until a select committee of nine Congressmen conducts his "trial" and makes a report within five weeks after their appointment by the Speaker of the House, Rep. John W. McCormack (D., Mass.).

Also pending in the Senate is an investigation of Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.) for alleged unethical conduct in public office. Months are expected to intervene before the Dodd investigation is completed. It was begun in the 89th Congress.

The focal point of these issues seems to be the misuse of public funds by members of Congress for private purposes.

The problem of ethical conduct by members of Congress will thus come into sharp focus during the 90th Congress.

In the Senate the constitutional prayer amendment issue was again put in the hopper by Sen. Everett McKinley Dirksen (R., Ill.) who led an unsuccessful fight last year

for prayers in public schools. The 1967 version of his proposal is a considerable modification of his 1966 resolution.

Sen. Sam J. Erwin, Jr. (D., N.C.) also has reintroduced his bill for "judicial review" of the constitutionality of certain measures involving government aids through religious agencies.

Erwin's bill passed the Senate last year with little difficulty, but snagged in the House where Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.) chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, is known to be strongly opposed to it.

Earlier Sen. Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), majority leader in the Senate, announced that the 90th Congress would have as one of

its major tasks to review much of the social legislation enacted by recent Congresses.

This does not mean that it will be repealed but that it will be re-evaluated and adjusted according to the mood of the country, the effectiveness of the ways it is being administered and the needs that are being met.

President Lyndon B. Johnson's State of the Union message also indicated some of the issues ahead. Church leaders and groups throughout the country are taking varying stands on the Vietnam War. The activities of religious groups in relation to the war may pose a new church-state problem to the nation.

The president's recommendation

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### Laymen Urged For Evangelism Meeting

Mississippi Baptist laymen are being urged this week to attend the annual State Evangelistic Conference by Claude Townsend, of Florence, president of the State Convention.

Mr. Townsend, a regular attendant at the annual conference and who plans to be present this year, feels that this year's conference will be specially important to the life and progress of the State Convention.

"We need a renewed emphasis upon this vital matter of evangelism—witnessing to and winning the lost," Mr. Townsend said in response to a question from a Baptist Record staff writer. Continuing,

he said:

"I believe that one of the best ways that we can help the people who are in spiritual and material need is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus where we are."

"A surge of evangelism in our state would help us to remember and assist many people around the world who are in dire need of food, shelter and clothing in addition to their greatest need—Christ."

The new layman—president of the State Convention said he felt that a good attendance of laymen at the conference would do much to help create this renewed emphasis upon evangelism.

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### BWA Sunday To Be Observed February 5

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(BWA)—Officials of the 23-million member Baptist World Alliance have urged that Baptists and all other Christians "magnify the Lordship of Christ, that the love of God and His peace may reign in men's hearts everywhere."

The plea is voiced in a Baptist World Alliance Sunday Message issued by William R. Tolbert Jr. of Monrovia, Liberia, president of the Baptist World Alliance, and the organization's three secretaries.

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Alliance, said that Baptists in more than 100 countries will participate in the B.W.A. Sunday observance on February 5.

"It is a time when congregations around the world give special thought to the work of all Baptists everywhere," Dr. Nordenhaug said. The day will be observed with special sermons and prayers in the churches, and many communities will arrange rallies wherein all Baptists in an area will come together for fellowship irrespective of the particular "convention" to which they belong.

Dr. Nordenhaug said that of the world's 27 million Baptists in more than 100 countries, 23 million of them are members of the 80 national conventions and unions affiliated with the Alliance. The Alliance is a loosely-knit fellowship through which the autonomous national bodies cooperate in communications, relief, doctrinal study, and efforts in the fields of evangelism and human rights.

The message follows:

### MESSAGE FOR Baptist World Alliance Sunday

February 5, 1967

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God" (1 John 4:7).

OUR WORLD, this Baptist World Alliance Sunday 1967, is a world in need of love and peace.

War rages in Southeast Asia, ideological conflicts, reflecting man's distrust of his brother, are seen in the halls of the United Nations and in human relationships in all parts of the world. Millions of refugees, driven from their homes by natural and man-made catastrophes, stand in need of rehabilitation. Other millions of people suffer from malnutrition and disease.

Amid all this conflict and suffering, uncounted millions await the saving knowledge of the gospel. Christian evangelism is not keeping pace with the

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### Tattnall Square Calls Pastor

MACON, Ga. (BP)—The Tattnall Square Baptist Church here has named Byron M. Wilkinson, pastor of the Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church in Richmond, Va., its new pastor, effective Feb. 1. Tattnall Square has been without a pastor since Thomas J. Holmes and two other male staff members were fired Sept. 25 in a hassle over integration of worship services.

Holmes is now vice-president for public relations at Mercer University, (Baptist) here. Tattnall Square church is located at the corner of the Mercer campus.

Wilkinson has been pastor at the Richmond church since Sept. 1, 1967. Prior pastorates were First Baptist Church in Griffin, Ga.; Grove Avenue Baptist Church in Richmond and First Baptist Church in Lakeland, Fla.



# FMB Reports

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rent crisis."

In adopting the recommendations of its Orient committee, the Board asked Southern Baptists to remember the people of China in prayer during these days of special emergency, particularly any Christians who may be undergoing undue suffering for the Lord.

## Four New Missionaries

Other Board actions included the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Livingston, Jr., as career missionaries for Colombia and the employment of Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Choy, of Honolulu, Hawaii, as missionary associates for Korea. (Associates are employed for a specific period—for Korea, five years—in contrast to regular missionary appointment with expectation of lifetime service.)

Mr. Choy, now director of the church development division of the Hawaii Baptist Convention, expects to do religious education work in Korea; Mr. Livingston, budget analyst for a firm in Fort Worth, will assist in the administration of mission business affairs in Colombia.

Three volunteer workers were also approved for mission posts. James Y. Garbarn, of El Paso, Tex., is going to Nigeria to be assistant manager of Baptist Press, Ibadan, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Allison Banks, of Boynton Beach, Fla., are going to Israel to do agricultural work at the Baptist Center at Petah Tiqva (they will substitute for a furloughing missionary couple).

## Radio-TV Man Named

The Board named Rev. E. Wesley Miller, a missionary associate, to be radio and television representative for Europe and the Middle East.

Mr. Miller, formerly chief engineer for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, was

employed by the Board in 1963 to serve at the Baptist radio and recording studio in Rueschikon, Switzerland. In addition to his work there he has recently assisted in the establishment of a Baptist studio in Beirut, Lebanon, which will provide a radio ministry throughout the Arab world.

"Mr. Miller will continue to give much of his time to the Rueschikon studio," explained Dr. John D. Hughey, the Board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East.

The Board already has a radio-TV representative for Latin America, Missionary Alan W. Compton, who has headquarters in Mexico City.

"One of the most encouraging developments of 1966 was the guarantee of religious liberty by a new constitution in Spain," Dr. Hughey said as he summarized mission events in Europe and the Middle East for the year. (The constitution, overwhelmingly approved in a national referendum in December, provides that the State will assume the protection of religious freedom.)

Greater religious freedom has already brought changes in Spain, Dr. Hughey reported. In December the first Baptist book store ever to operate in Spain was opened to the public in Barcelona. Previously, the sale of evangelical literature was restricted mainly to church members and their friends.

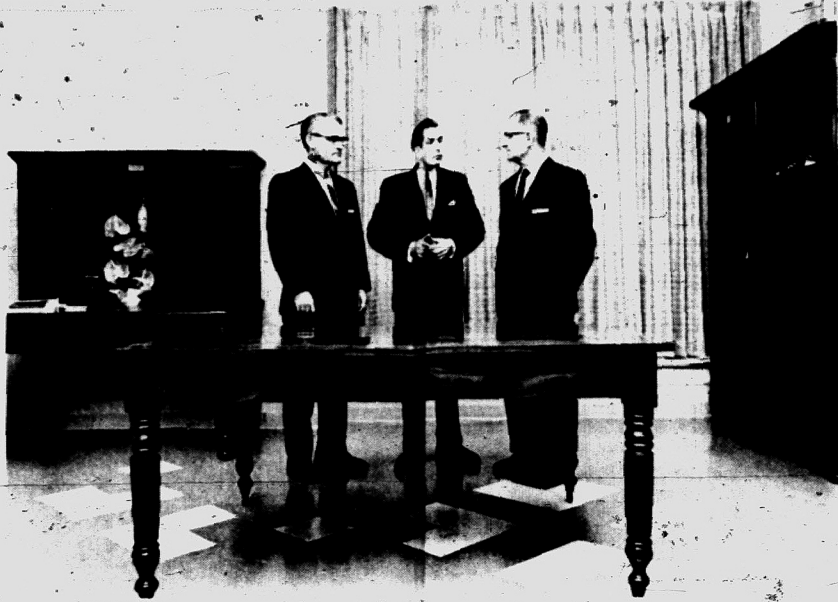
In Yemen, entered as a Southern Baptist mission field two years ago, medical mission work progressed during 1966. The temporary Baptist clinic in Ta'izz, which treated 13,000 patients in 18 months, was closed in September, and the staff moved to Jibla to establish a new hospital.

## Staff Travels

Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, sent his report from Hong Kong, where he has been making his headquarters since September. He requested prayer for the Orient Mission Conference to be held in Hong Kong, March 28-April 9. The third such conference (the others held in 1967 and 1961), it will bring together more than a hundred Asian Baptist leaders and Southern Baptist missionaries to consider ways to share the gospel more rapidly and effectively in the Orient.

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, expects to leave February 6 for a six-week trip to Africa. He will go first to Nigeria, where he hopes to visit the capital city of each of the four major political regions. "It is important that we keep in close touch with the political situation and stand ready to revise plans for our missionary work in the event of any major political change," he said.

From Nigeria he will go to East and Central Africa. He plans to visit Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, where he will try to complete preparation for the placement of the first Southern Baptist missionary couple in that country next summer.



A 120-YEAR OLD TABLE brought a touch of history to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta. T. J. Stringfellow Jr., pastor of Siloam Baptist Church of Marion, Ala. (center) presented a replica of the first conference table used by the mission agency when it met in 1845 in the Siloam Church. Accepting the gift are President Edgar M. Aryendall, left, and Executive Secretary-Treasurer Arthur B. Rutledge, right.

## New Dirksen Bill Offered

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students or others in prayer. Nothing contained in this article shall authorize any such authority to prescribe the form or content of any prayer.

The new language of the 1967 revised version seems to back away from some of the 1. Do persons have to be "lawfully assembled" in order to pray while in a public building? If so, what does

## Congress To Face

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dations about continued public aid for population control and family planning projects is certain to raise important religious liberty issues from some quarters.

Some of the issues that will occupy the attention of church groups are: the implementation of the model cities programs, the expansion of housing programs, the care of the sick and aging;

The education of the underprivileged, reconsideration of third-class postal rates, the problems of privacy involved in wiretapping and electronic eavesdropping, crime and rioting, civil rights;

Demands for elimination of capital punishment in federal offenses, adjustments in tax policies and in Social Security benefits, and anti-filibuster rule in the Senate, and reworking the military draft law.

Problems involving air and water pollution, transportation, urban development and international relations will involve church-state concerns in ways that heretofore may not have been considered to be church-interest issues by some groups.

Many church agencies will be affected directly and indirectly by these and other issues that will arise.

In short, federal, state and local attempts to solve the problems of modern society will increasingly attract church concern by all religious groups. Involvement in the public life of the nation is now an issue that can no longer be avoided by churches and church agencies.

"lawful assembly" mean? Does it mean an assemblage gathered by the law and therefore a "captive audience"? If a "captive audience" is to be a "prayer meeting" who is to lead it?

2. Does the new draft mean that "ecumenical prayer" is approved for lawful assemblies but denominational ways of praying are forbidden? How about personal prayers that express personal needs. Who is to decide which prayers are approved and which are disapproved?

3. If lawful assembly simply means using the rights now guaranteed by the First Amendment, is the new language an open door to "prayer" lobby sessions in Congress or in other public places? How long may such "prayer meetings" last?

The First Amendment, that has been so basic for the protection of the rights of the people, says:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or

## Laymen Urged

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evangelism.

In urging more laymen to attend the conference this year Mr. Townsend called attention to the "splendid and challenging" program that has been prepared for this year.

A quick glance at the program reveals the presence of five outstanding out-of-state speakers as well as several fine state leaders.

The conference will be held at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, beginning Monday evening, Feb. 6 and close at 11 a. m. Wednesday, Feb. 8.

Those desiring to stay at the assembly should write immediately to Rev. Tom Douglas, director of assemblies, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Miss., for reservations.

Those desiring to stay at nearby motels or hotels should write directly to the one of their choice.

## 827 Enrolled

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roll for the second semester will be expected to submit applications for admission, prior to registration, which will be held in the office of Miss Annie Hendricks, college registrar.

Instruction for the second semester will begin at 8:00 a. m. on Tuesday, January 31.



WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE co-ed Paula Fife, from Juneau, Alaska, looks over Spring Semester offerings, and tries to interest Hank Gage, Jackson, in the new term which begins February 1. Gage, however, is totally absorbed in cramming for final exams and getting the present semester behind him. Paula is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Fife, missionaries to Alaska, and Hank is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Gage of Jackson. Hank is president of the freshman class.

## 53 Churches

Leading In Total Number Of Baptisms

(For associational year 1965-66)

Church and Pastor	Number of Baptisms
1. Eastview, Meridian—James Hoven	102
2. Broadmoor, Jackson—David Grant	101
3. Bowmar, Vicksburg—G. T. Turner	95
4. Parkway, Jackson—Bill Causey	94
5. First, Columbia—Howard Aultman	87
6. First, Starkville—D. C. Applegate	85
7. First, Gulfport—William G. Tanner	81
8. Meadow View, Starkville—Douglas Dexter	72
9. Main St., Hattiesburg—John Barnes, Jr.	66
10. Alta Woods, Jackson—Joe Cothen	65
Van Winkle, Jackson—Herman Milner	65
12. Daniel Mem., Jackson—Allen O. Webb	61
13. Central, Hattiesburg—C. R. Williams	60
14. Ridgecrest, Jackson—(No Pastor)	59
Oakhurst, Clarksdale—F. K. Horton	59
16. Calvary, Meridian—Otis Seal	58
Calvary, Tupelo—John Traylor, Jr.	58
18. First, Magee—Mel Craft	57
First, New Albany—William F. Evans	57
20. Southside, Greenville—S. B. Boyett	56
21. Park Hill, Jackson—Johnny Gibson	55
First, Columbus—S. R. Woodson	55
23. Calvary, Greenville—J. B. Miller	53
24. Yale Street, Cleveland—Paul Wilson	52
25. Harrisburg, Tupelo—Robert L. Hamblin	51
26. Calvary, Belzoni—Gerald Porter	50
Temple, Hattiesburg—J. Harold Stephens	50
28. Hughes Chapel, Saltillo—R. W. Dill	50
29. Hillcrest, Jackson—Maurice Clayton	49
30. First, Biloxi—Larry Rohman	48
West Jackson—Donald Wainwright	48
32. Calvary, Jackson—Joe Tuten	47
Magnolia Street, Laurel—Clyde B. Little	47
Riverside, Clarksdale—Clyde A. Williams	47
Iuka, Iuka—Bobby Burress	47
36. Colonial Hills, Southaven—Jack Nazary	45
First, Meridian—Beverly Tinnin	45
Poplar Springs Drive, Meridian—H. E. O'Chester	45
Clarksdale, Clarksdale—Lucius Marion	45
40. Woodland Hills, Jackson—Fuller Saunders	44
Trinity, Fulton—Horace C. Thomas	44
Emmanuel, Ocean Springs—Bert West	44
First, Batesville—J. R. Davis	44
First, Pontotoc—W. Levon Moore	44
45. Southaven, Southaven—B. F. McIlwain	43
West Shady Grove, Shubuta—Dewey Gardner	43
47. Southside, Jackson—S. W. Valentine	42
Calvary, Pascagoula—Byron Mathis	42
Ruleville, Ruleville—Wilbur Webb	42
50. First, Houston—Malcolm A. Jones	41
Eastlawn, Pascagoula—Athens McNeil	41
First, Pascagoula—Clark McMurray	41
First, Booneville—Billy Roby	41

## 25 Churches

Leading In Baptisms Per Capita

(For Associational year 1965-66)

CHURCH AND PASTOR	BAPTISMS	MEMBERSHIP	RATIO
1. Union (Chickasaw) Rupert C. Golding	29	32	1.06
2. Bartahatchie (Monroe) Carl Danner	22	34	1.55
3. Hughes Chapel (Lee) R. W. Dill	50	92	1.84
4. Green River Mission (Riverside)			
Lloyd Connell	30	62	2.07
5. Poplar Springs (Carroll) A. P. Gilder	15	37	2.47
6. Zion (Lebanon) Charles Couey	10	28	2.80
7. West Shady Grove (Wayne)			
Dewey Gardner	43	122	2.84
8. First Stearns (Lowndes) Eugene Taylor	23	81	3.52
9. Midway (Bolivar) Robert E. Wiggins	21	80	3.81
10. Clear Creek (Marshall)			
T. R. Lambert	23	93	4.04
11. Pooleville (Union County) T. R. Lively	10	41	4.10
12. Rocky Hill (Columbia) No Pastor	20	85	4.25
13. Old Shiloh (Carroll) John A. Wade	7	30	4.29
14. Westside (Columbia) James T. Berch	22	96	4.36
15. Eastview (Lauderdale) J. M. Hoven	102	460	4.51
16. Stanton (Adams) No Pastor	28	129	4.61
17. South Nettleton (Monroe)			
E. C. Blackwell	14	65	4.64
18. Danville (Alcorn) Bill Robins	35	164	4.69
19. Meadow View (Oktibbeha)			
Douglas Dexter	72	354	4.92
20. New Harmony (Marshall) Ben P. Hill	40	204	5.10
21. Colonial Hills (DeSoto) Jack Nazary	45	233	5.18
22. Gregory Chapel (Monroe) H. V. Brown	19	100	5.26
23. Holly Ridge (Sunflower) Billy Miller	14	78	5.57
24. Union Hill (Lee) Troy Kitchens	5	29	5.80
25. Pleasant Hill (DeSoto) J. O. Melton	28	167	5.96

the 1966 evangelistic campaign.

"American Baptists need to abandon the isolationist attitude which has afflicted so many of us with regard to our Baptist brethren," he said.

Earlier at an "evangelism talk-back" session, Tiller reminded the convention of the importance of seeking specific decisions in evangelism, reported American Baptist News Service.

While agreeing with the importance of trying new methods, he pointed out the need for making certain that visitations do not remain on the basis of ripening friendship alone, but that at some point those who are unchurched be specifically invited "to receive the Lord Jesus as Savior."

The peace I felt when I stood up to commit my life to God was different from anything I had ever known. It wasn't the kind of peace we can get from other human beings, and it had nothing to do with the absence of noise. I had always known a lot of love in my home, but this was a love that surpassed anything on earth. It made me want to shout with the pure joy of being alive! All of a sudden there was a purpose in the life of a little nine-year-old girl. — Vonda Kay Van Dyke, THAT GIRL IN YOUR MIRROR (Revell)

## ABS PRODUCES TWO RECORDS FOR BLIND

NEW YORK (RNS) — Two long-playing records featuring 50 favorite chapters from the Bible have been produced by the American Bible Society as part of its effort to bring the Bible to the blind.

Produced in connection with the Society's 150th anniversary, the records play at 16 2/3 revolutions per minute, the speed customarily used in recordings for the blind. Scripture chapters are read by stage and TV actor Wayne Tippitt.

Cost of the set is a dollar. However, the ABS, in keeping with its long established policy, will give a set free to any blind person upon request.

The Society estimates there are more than 400,000 blind persons in the United States, with 30,000 more added each year. Dr. Dale C. Baker, a Lutheran minister who has been blind for 18 years, is in charge of ABS work with the blind.

The reason people are down on the Bible is that they're not up on the Bible. — William Ward Ayer.

## Hospital Plans Program For Practical Nurses

Adults interested in training opportunities in the field of Practical Nursing may be interviewed at the Baptist Hospital.

The hospital is accepting applications for admission to the twelve month course scheduled to begin on January 30, 1967.

To be accepted for admission to the class, an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, between the ages of 18 and 55, have completed a twelfth-grade education or the equivalent, be in good physical condition, and be recommended for admission by the Admissions Committee.

A scholarship grant is given to each student by the hospital. Uniforms, laundry of uniforms, textbooks, and meals while on duty will be furnished by the hospital.

Persons interested in taking advantage of this program should file an application with Mrs. Johnnye Weber, director of Nursing Service at Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

## Crusade Preparation Meet Planned

In preparation for the Encounter Crusade in Memphis, Tenn., an Evangelism Conference will be held in Bellevue Baptist Church Thursday, February 9, at 7:30 p. m.

Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, will bring the closing message. Dr. Cal Guy, Professor of Missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will speak on the subject of compassion.

Mr. Tommy Lane, Minister of Music at Bellevue Baptist Church, will direct a men's chorus composed of 25 male quartets. Mr. Bill Day will be at the organ and Mr. Sherrill Cranfield at the piano.

Gerald Martin, Chairman of Evangelism, extends an invitation to anyone in the Mid-South area to attend.

The Encounter Crusade is a coming revival campaign in the Memphis Mid-South Coliseum, to be followed by simultaneous revivals in Memphis Baptist churches.

## BWA Sunday Message

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booming increase in world population.

Let us therefore, as fellow Christians who profess "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all," come prayerfully this day to a recognition of our relationship to Him. Let us thank God for all his blessings to us. Let us pray that the love of God may become more meaningful in our lives.

Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, came to earth because of God's love for man. He taught men of love, understanding, and peace. He rose from the grave and commissioned his disciples to tell the story of his love to all men.

The love of God casts out fear: God's love brings peace to the hearts and minds of those who respond to it. And as we share this love with our neighbors, an ever-enlarging circle of love reaches out to the community, the nation and the world until peace ideally comes to all men.

Twenty seven million Baptists, worshipping, witnessing and serving the Lord in more than a hundred countries recognize this obligation to teach, and to practice, the love of God. Let us, as Baptists join hands in the fellowship that is already ours. And let us, in company with other Christians bearing different names but confessing the same Christ, magnify the Lordship of Christ, that the love of God and His peace may reign in men's hearts everywhere.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9). "And now abideth hope, faith and love, but the greatest of these is love" (I Corinthians 13:13).

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# Baptists Have Contracts

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England, shaken, as a sieve, furnished us, for this soil choice seed—the Pilgrim fathers and Puritan founders of New England. Holland, brave and liberty-loving, a land made glorious by the valour of William the Silent, furnished us men fit to settle New York. The swinging flail of persecution winnowed the Quakers, to settle Pennsylvania and the noblest of the Loyalists to be the great planters of Virginia. The noblest hearts of France planted and peopled the Carolinas. From such seed there came an early crop—the men who made the first Continental Congress. Of those fifty-six delegates who signed the Declaration of Independence—eight merchants, six physicians, five farmers, twenty-five lawyers—a majority had taken part in agitations against British policy. But there was no restless son of an ancient family, like Julius Caesar, eager for adventure in untested times—no zealot, like Oliver Cromwell, waiting to direct the storm in field and farm—no professional soldier, like Bonaparte, watching for a chance to ride to power—no demagogue, like Danton, marshalling the proletariat against his colleagues—no tyrannical committee of public safety such as ruled France in the dark days of her revolution. But men who believed that man's feet must be free to walk any highways of truth, his intellect as free as the trade winds, his wrists unfettered by ropes. And to them, we are, debtors—debtors to those who wove the first threads of the flag of liberty and made it indeed the banner of the morning, dyeing it crimson in their heart's blood. Repulsing the onset of despotism, they ransomed us from serfdom—bought our liberty with a great price.

When Aeneas tore the bough from the myrtle tree, it exuded blood. But, as says Hillis, that was just Virgil's way of saying that civilization is a tree nourished by the tears and blood of the patriots and prophets of yesterday who, through movement of retrogressive tendency, through pestilence, poverty, famine, flame, flood, blood, translated the principles of liberty and equality into permanent institutions.

Baptists we are! Debtors to the dead we are! We drink from wells we did not dig, reap from fields we did not sow, eat from orchards we did not plant, enjoy glories for which we toiled not nor spun, even as tourists racing now in high-powered cars over paved highways are beneficiaries of the work of the pioneers who, blazing trails beset with perils, plodded by slow ox-teams, amid storm, blizzard, heat. Some of the simplest, plainest privileges of our Baptist heritage cost heavily in blood, in tears—and we obtained them without sacrifice, without hardship, without suffering. As Baptists in America, we acknowledge that we are debtors to the famous men of old. We are Saxons—and debtors to Hampden and Cromwell. We are puritans—and debtors to Vane and Rob-

inson. We are Northerners—and debtors to Longfellow and Beecher. We are Southerners—and debtors to Calhoun and Lee, to Broadus and Boyce, to Frost and Love, to Carroll and Truett—and others who struck twelve for God. We are Americans—and debtors to Washington, Webster, and Lincoln. We are Baptists and debtors to our Baptist forefathers who wrote history in blood before they wrote it in ink.

We must view the past with gratitude—rejoicing in the durability of the satisfactions of our retrospect. But we must meet with wisdom the present with its inspirational imperatives.

## Participants in the Present

Others in dramatic hours of their day lived to see great things achieved. Julius Caesar lived to see the foundation stones of the world's greatest empire; Socrates—the young men of Athens aroused; Savonarola—the city of Florence revived; Columbus—a new world in prophetic possibility. Luther—a corrupt church broken and rebuked; Wycliff—the first rays of the morning star of Reformation; Washington—democracy established in a new hemisphere; Lincoln—the emancipation of four million slaves; Joan of Arc—the armies of France victorious; Cromwell, stretching a Psalm into a war drum, lived to dissolve a Parliament; Beethoven to touch the world's harpstrings; Florence Nightingale to bandage the world's battle wounds; John Howard to pour fresh air into the lazaretto; Miss Dix to soothe the crazed brain; David Brainerd to change savage war whoop into Sabbath song; John Wesley to marshal half of Christendom; John Knox to make queens turn pale. But as Baptists we are today living in a day just as momentous in opportunity, advantages, responsibility. A nation we have, torn by perplexing and ominous conditions. A world we have of divisive and appallingly subversive forces exultantly operative—a world of confused, clamoring and chaos of counsels where many jabber argument, chop logic, worship whirling.

Today, the nations seem to be in the grip of a planetary nightmare. Our customary habits of thought, our ordinary personal and local interests have been pushed into the background by events and changes that absorb the attention of the entire civilized world of ideas. Our thought world is as noisy as an oriental bazaar. Loud and angry voices are raised on every hand, urging the overthrow of foundations—a departure from ways once considered wise and safe.

What shall we do about it all? Are we to assume that somebody else will take care of liberty? Are we to say that somebody else will take care of justice? Do we declare that somebody else will take care of freedom and that we can go our way with no agonizing concern? Are we with laggard feet to go with Christ's Gospel that regenerates and redeems?

**Must Match Heroism**  
We must match war-time

heroism with peace-time heroism. Our peace-time heroism must not weigh one ounce less to the pound or measure one inch less to the yard. War, the ghastly grim story from the Aahs to now, reveals much heroism. Men counted their lives not dear unto themselves—when Mars walked with bloody boots and tied crepe to millions of door knobs. Because the passion of timelessness and heroism surged through their souls, when the bugles of duty called, men made instant answer. Many have the history of their country written by sword, by bullet, by the scars of poison gas on the tender parchment of their own flesh. And when we think of the recent world war, we cannot forget the heroism of those who chose flame and blood for their garments of glory. As Baptists we must recognize that physical carnage is not the only way to courage! Is duty in the trenches greater than duties in the streets? Is heroism amid clouds of poison gas more needed than heroism amid the licentious social atmosphere we breathe today? Are there not just as great demands when children cry for help in our neighborhoods as when cannon boom on battle fields? Are the lessons of soldierliness to be learned in an era of destruction alone? Do not the problems and perils of this battling bewildered, blundering, baffled old world call us to great loyalty to Bible standards and to our Baptist principles? Hath not peace her victories no less renowned than war? In this day when the history nations are making is a huddle of dislocations, a conglomeration of unrelatedness, are there not great calls and need for us to show wisdom and love in answering God's call in a world-wide proclamation of His Gospel? In a day when the fret and fever of life's fierce heat burns the divine dew off the grass in many places, should we not, by preachment and by practice, place the spiritual above material values?

## Continued Next Week

## Judson Installs New President, Awards Degrees

MARION, Ala. (BP)—Judson College inaugurated J. H. Edmondson as the 19th president of the Alabama Baptist college for women during formal ceremonies here.

Edmondson's inauguration came a year after his election as president of the college, succeeding Conwell A. Anderson, now president of Averett College (Baptist) in Danville, Va.

Delivering the inaugural address was Charles G. Dobbins of Washington, D. C., executive secretary of the American Council on Education and a former newspaper publisher and editor in Montgomery, Ala.

During a special convocation preceding the inauguration, Judson conferred honorary doctoral degrees on Dobbins and three other Alabamians, including the president of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, Herman Cobb of Gadsden, Ala.

Also receiving the degrees were Winton Malcolm Blount, president and chairman of the board of Blount Brothers Corp., Montgomery, Ala.; and Col. Paul Bainbridge Robinson, president of Marion Institute, Marion, Ala.

Cobb, president of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, is pastor of the twelfth Street Baptist Church, Gadsden and former pastor of Baptist churches in Blountsville, Pratt City and Fairfield, Ala., and Elizabethton, Tenn.

Edmondson was vice president of the Birmingham Exchange Security Bank before assuming the Judson presidency on Jan. 14, 1966. He previously had been for five years executive vice president of the Alabama Association of Independent Colleges.

He was administrative vice president of Ouachita University (Baptist) in Arkadelphia, Ark., for six years, and chairman of Ouachita's division of business administration for four years. He also has been public relations director at Belmont College, a Baptist school in Nashville, Tenn.



Lambert C. Mims

## Calvary Men To Hear Mobile's Mayor-Elect

In preparation for Baptist Men's Day on January 22, the Brotherhood of Pascagoula's Calvary Church will sponsor a Baptist Men's Banquet on Friday, January 20. Attendance at the Banquet is open to all men of the church.

The speaker for the banquet will be the Hon. Lambert C. Mims, City Commissioner of Mobile, Ala. Mr. Mims is active in civic affairs; is a member of the Kiwanis Club of West Mobile; and a member of the South Mobile Improvement Council. He is a Director of the Mobile Rescue

## CHRISTIANITY TODAY ASKS NCC TO DEFINE EVANGELISM

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS)—The National Council of Churches has been urged by Christianity Today, a conservative Protestant journal, published here, to "define" its version of evangelism "as clearly as it pinpoints the social policy and legislative programs that it continues to promote, to the dismay of many clergymen and lay leaders."

The magazine, in its lead editorial, noted that the NCC, as a result of its General Assembly in Miami Beach, is entering a new triennium placing emphasis on evangelism.

But at the same time Christianity Today expressed fear that strong elements within the NCC structure might "blur" evangelism as it is conceived by evangelical Christians, and promote "an alternate type of evangelism—different not simply in method but in theological content as well."

The conservative magazine took exception to one brand of "evangelism" advocated within the NCC which demands that repentance be made for "social sins." It took the position that such a stress would be a furthering of "the ecumenical priority of social action and politico-economic pressures" the NCC is held to be doing.

"Official welcome on the ecumenical platform for champions of radical theologies, maverick moralities and secular versions of evangelism has stirred widespread criticism in hundreds of churches all the more because historic Christian convictions in these areas are routinely ignored," the magazine charged.

The editorial said "ecumen-

## Scripture Union, Christian Home League 'Wed'

UPPER DARBY, Pa. (EP)—A merger between two organizations promoting the reading of Scripture in the home was completed, according to the Rev. Colin Becroft, executive director of Scripture Union with headquarters here.

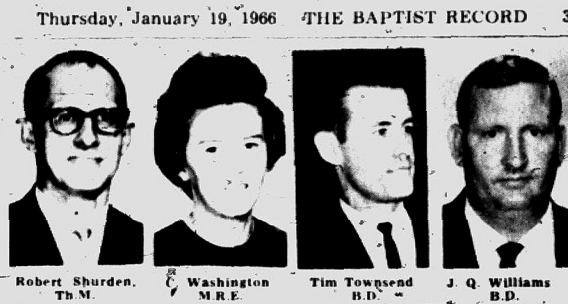
S. U. and The Christian Home League, a lay movement to promote Bible reading and family worship in the homes of America, were "wed" last summer. The announcement appeared in Scripture Union's 1966 Winter Newsletter. CHL was organized in 1946 and S. U. 67 years earlier.

NOTE: One of the founders of the Christian Home League was Rev. James A. Bryant, a native of Crystal Springs.)

## Mission

Mr. Mims was elected to the Board of Commissioners of the City of Mobile on September 7, 1965, and at 36 is the youngest man ever elected to this office. He will serve as Mayor of Mobile beginning May, 1968.

D. L. Lawrimore, Brotherhood director; and T. G. Goree, Brotherhood president, have headed planning for the banquet. Rev. Byron E. Mathis is pastor of Calvary Church.



## Four From Mississippi Are Among Southern Graduates

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Four students from Mississippi are among the more than 100 scheduled to receive diplomas from Southern Seminary January 27.

Dr. Charles E. Boddie, president of the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee, will deliver the commencement address.

Robert Shurden of Greenville, a 1962 graduate of Mississippi College, will receive the master of theology degree. He formerly was pastor of Union Hall Church in

Brookhaven, is married and has a small daughter. Charlotte Washington of Shaw, also a graduate of Mississippi College, will receive the master of religious education degree.

Two will receive the bachelor of divinity degree, and both are alumni of Mississippi College.

Tim Townsend, former state Baptist Student Union president, was a youth director for First Church, Pascagoula; J. Q. Williams was pastor of Straight Bayou Church in Anguilla from 1959 to 1963.



## Six From State Graduate At New Orleans

Six from Mississippi received degrees in commencement exercises held January 17 at New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, La.

Raymond Thomas King received the Master of Religious Education degree. He is the son of Mr. W. W. King of Sumrall, and is a graduate of William Carey College.

E. Paul Jones received the Master of Religious Education degree. He is the son of Mrs. Roberta Jones of Laurel, and is a graduate of Jones County Junior College, and William Carey College.

Melton Mason, Jr. received the Master of Religious Education degree. A longtime resident of Tupelo, he is a graduate of Blue Mountain College.

Terry James Howard received the Diploma in Christian Theology. A longtime resident of Ashland, he is a graduate of Ashland High School.

Roy H. Smith received the



Master of Religious Education degree. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith of Nettleton, and is a graduate of Mississippi College.

Walter B. Shurden, Sr. received the Doctor of Theology degree. Dr. Shurden is a graduate of Mississippi College and received his B.D. degree from the New Orleans Seminary in 1961. He has served as pastor of several churches throughout the South and while writing his thesis he served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ruston, La. His hometown is Greenville, Miss., and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Shurden of Greenville. He served on the faculty of the McMaster Divinity College, McMaster University, in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, for the academic year of 1965-66.

Collins' son. Collins will give the \$50,000 to the school provided the academy raises its assets currently available for a new construction program to a total of \$200,000.

Establishment of a Carr P. Collins Jr. Chair of International Affairs and appointment of Col. Russell Fudge, Newman said.



ROCKY CREEK young people talk with Tommy Lester, Laurel native who plays Eb on the television show, "Green Acres."

## EB OF "GREEN ACRES"—

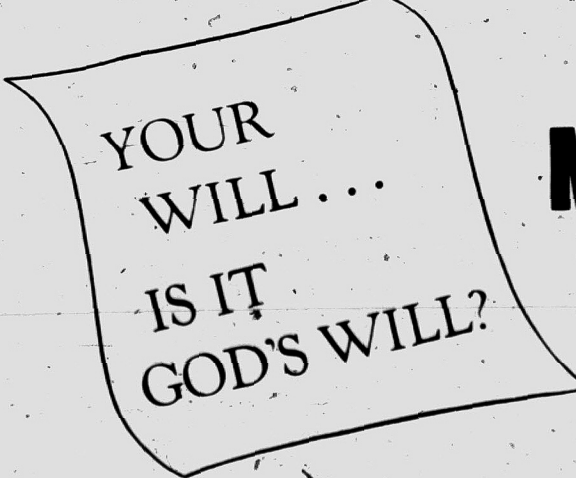
## Rocky Creek Hears Lester

Tommy Lester, Eb on the "Green Acres" television show, was guest speaker for the Youth Rally held recently at Rocky Creek Church, near Lucedale. Young people of the whole area were invited. "Mr. Lester, a very fine Christian, serves as Training Union director of First Baptist Church of Hollywood, California," states Rev. Bill Hale, Rocky Creek pastor.

Mr. Lester, from Laurel, was featured in the December issue of Training Union Magazine. Mr. Hale says, "We

would like to commend him to our fellow Baptists of Mississippi, when he is home for holidays, you could arrange a speaking engagement and enjoy the fine fellowship as we did. He is one young man that is sharing his faith in Christ wherever he goes."

The Rocky Creek church this year went over their \$805 Lottie Moon goal, and for the first time exceeded \$1,000, receiving \$1,076. Just seven years ago, the goal was only \$75.



## Have You Made Your Will? IS THE WILL OF GOD IN IT?

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### American Baptists And The Coming Crusade

Will American Baptists participate in the Crusade for the Americas in 1969? That issue does not seem to be settled, even though the General Council of the convention voted some weeks ago not to participate.

Now there appears to be a demand from the rank and file of the churches of the convention, as well as from many prominent leaders, that the matter be reconsidered, and it seems probable that it will come before the convention's sessions in Pittsburg next summer.

The decision evidently came largely because of the convention's director of evangelism, who says that every body is to be saved (universalism) and that personal evangelism is not needed. He is reported to have strongly opposed the American Convention's participation in the crusade, and apparently a majority of the General Council agreed, even though the president of the convention urged participation. Several reasons were given for not participating, but all seem to center in a rejection of personal soul-winning evangelism.

There are large numbers of American Baptist pastors and churches who are evangelical, and do not accept the universalism, social gospelism and extreme ecumenism of some of the leaders. This may be a case where leaders have lost touch with the rank and file of their churches, and are proposing to move in a direction which many of the churches will not follow. This has happened before among American Baptists, and has caused the denomination to lose large numbers of churches and members. Will this happen again, or will the churches rise up and repudiate their leaders, and turn the convention back into a more conservative, evangelical direction? We shall have to wait and see.

Southern Baptists and other Baptist groups are proceeding with the plans for the Crusade, whether American Baptists participate or not. If the American

Convention follows the determination of its leaders not to participate, Southern Baptists and other conventions, who carry out the plans will not be the losers. The loss will come to the American Convention itself, in not receiving the promised presence of God with those who carry out the great commission as revealed in Matthew 28:18-20. Furthermore, the loss will come to the multitude of souls who may not be reached, because a denomination was not concerned or was too busy doing something else.

The Americas need a mighty spiritual revival right now, which would bring multiplied millions of people to knowledge of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. It is possible that God could use Baptists in this coming crusade to win many of those millions. No Baptist, Baptist church, or Baptist convention, on the two continents, should be standing on the sidelines when this mighty witnessing effort begins.

### Have You Made Your Will?

January is being promoted as "Make Your Will" month, by the Baptist Foundations of Mississippi and other states.

The purpose of this is two-fold. First, every person should have a will for the sake of his or her family. Second, every person should have the right to choose what he or she wants to do with his or her possessions after death.

Death without a will often causes undue hardships and difficulties for families. An example is the late Dr. Peter Marshall, one of the best known American preachers of this generation. Concerning this, his widow wrote:

"Peter, to the surprise of all who had known him, had left no will. Apparently he had thought that since he possessed little other than insurance, making me the sole beneficiary, that took care of the situation."

"If only he had known how much it is left to be taken care of. Yet in thinking a will unimportant for those with a small or moderate estate, my husband was not unusual. I learned that an estimated 70 per cent of American property owners die intestate."

"Look at the result. We did not have a joint banking account. Peter's checking account was frozen, and no money could be drawn out for funeral expenses or immediate needs."

"Papers were in a strong box of the bank. Ac-

cording to Internal Revenue Regulations the box was sealed. It took three weeks of red tape before the insurance company could gain entrance to the box and initiate collection of the death proceeds."

"The property was divided by Washington, D. C. laws, one third of the estate to me, the widow, and two thirds to the child. The local court had to approve all funeral payments, doctor bills, hospital bills and even household expenses. I had to post bond as administratrix of the estate."

"I had to be made my son's guardian by court decree. Since that date I have had to give account to the court of expenses, have the accounts notarized, and had to continue this process until my son became of age."

"Nearly all of the money left in our bank account was spent on legal matters, attorney fees, and extra expenses due to red tape and delay."

The second reason for a will, also is seen in this report concerning Dr. Marshall. The property was divided according to the laws of Washington, D. C., rather than the way Dr. Marshall probably meant for the division to be.

Another example was the late Senator Robert Kerr. Here was a man who had been most generous in his gifts to Baptist and other Christian causes, during his lifetime, and probably had meant for much of his possessions to go to such causes after his death. According to reports, however, he failed to leave an up-to-date will, so others made the decision as to how his possessions would be divided. Did God's work suffer, or fail to receive what he had in mind to give? We do not know, but we do know of other cases where the kingdom of God suffered, because people failed to properly plan.

You can protect your family, and you can make your own decision as to how your possessions will be used after you are gone, if you make a will.

Why not make your will today, if you have not already done so? Why not review your will, if it was made a long time ago, and your situation has changed? Call your attorney now, or call or write the Baptist Foundation at the Baptist building Box 530, Jackson to give you assistance. Foundation officials will be glad to give counsel or guidance at no cost to you.

Moreover, while you are making the will, why not consider the needs of your church, or some demonstrational cause? Money can live on 'until the Lord comes, when you invest it for His work. The Foundation will tell you how to do that if you are interested.



An Upward Bound program at the University of Louisville recently used horse racing to teach mathematics. Using movies of actual races and play money, the students were taught to calculate odds, determine expenses for track overhead and taxes, and to make payment on win, place and show tickets (Southern Education Report, Oct., 1966 issue).

The percentage of women who work has increased from 31 percent of working age women to more than 38 per cent now, according to an AP article by John Cuniff. Reasons for this long-term trend included a shifting from blue collar to white job opportunities, a scarcity of employable men, more progressive philosophy concerning equality of job opportunity, more education for women, more adjustable hours, more efficient homes, birth control, the war, and inflation.

An "honor class" for alcoholics was started ten years ago by a municipal judge in Des Moines, Iowa. Judge Ray Harrison started the class when he became a judge. "There were 163 of the toughest, roughest drunks we have ever had in town at my honor class Wednesday night," said Judge Harrison. According to the plan, arrested drunks enter a plea of guilty and are given a six-weeks delayed sentence with the provision that they attend the Wednesday night class each week. They are given free vitamin B-1 shots by a doctor, refreshments of doughnuts and milk, a clean change of clothing, and help with getting a job. Judge Harrison said that employers now telephone and offer jobs to the honor class members. Some continue to attend the class for years, and all receive a weekly letter giving news and plans for the meetings. "Often this is the only piece of mail they ever get," said Judge Harrison. When an alcoholic enters the class his picture is taken, and a year later another picture is taken. According to Judge Harrison, the improvement is so great, they seldom look like the same person.

### Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

January 23—George H. Ezell, faculty, Mississippi College; Mrs. Peggy E. Foster, faculty, Mississippi College.  
January 24—Neil Lee, Baptist Book Store; Louise Lockhart, Baptist Book Store.  
January 25—Rev. Guy Graham, supt. of missions, Itawamba Co.; Rev. Alvin R. Smith, supt. of missions, Zion association.  
January 26—Mrs. Ota Stroud, Children's Village staff; Mrs. Jewel Conniff, Baptist student director, William Carey College.  
January 27—Mike Nowell, Baptist Building; Bill Duncan, Baptist Building.  
January 27—Mrs. A. L. McGaugh, faculty, Clarke College; Melvin G. Alford, faculty, Blue Mountain College.  
January 28—Miss Nancy Ellis, faculty, Blue Mountain College; Mrs. Ruth Duncan, faculty, William Carey College.  
January 29—Mrs. Lucille Robertson, faculty, Gilfoy School of Nursing; A. L. McGaugh, faculty, Clarke College.

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### PERSPECTIVE

Robert A. Hastings

### "Six Mischievous Misses"

Six young ladies are the cause of most difficulties. Individuals fall into all kinds of trouble because of them. So do families, neighborhoods, churches, nations, and businesses. Do you know their names? Surely you have met them — not once, but many times.

The first is Miss Understanding. We thought we understood what was expected, or what was meant, but we didn't. So we got in trouble.

Next is Miss Information. The facts got snarled, and we tripped and fell.

Miss Interpretation is the third culprit. We took information out of its context, and misread it, and missed the point altogether.

A fourth cause of trouble is Miss Representation. Unfortunately, this is often done deliberately, so we really have no one to blame but ourselves.

Fifth is Miss Conception. Again the problem is one of insight. Values and directions become distorted. The picture is hazy and out of focus.

Last is Miss Behaviour. We knew what was right, but our actions did not match our conscience or our ideals. At this point we often blame others, because pride prevents us from acknowledging we could ever make a mistake or do wrong.

Having trouble around your place? Look for the six Misses. Any one of them can snatch the rug out from under you. All six can tear the whole house down!

### Seminary

### Changes

### Degree Name

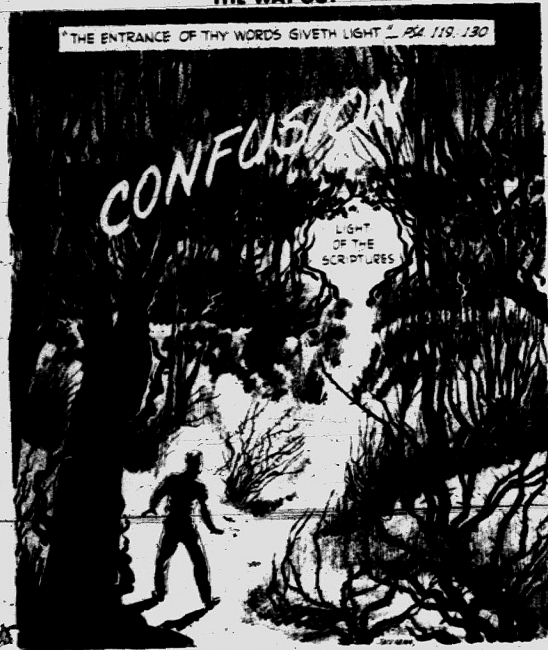
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here has changed the name of its most frequently earned degree from bachelor of divinity to the master of divinity degree.

The new nomenclature will begin with the fall semester of 1967, and the degree will be awarded upon completion of three years study beyond the bachelor degree from a college or university.

Seminary officials said the name change is in keeping with recent action taken by the American Association of Theological Schools, and will be instituted in most major denominational seminaries as

### THE WAY OUT

"THE ENTRANCE OF THE WORDS GIVETH LIGHT" — Ps. 119: 130



### ON YOUR KNEES!

"MasterControl" Vignette  
By W. Morris Ford, Pastor,  
First Baptist Church  
Longview, Texas

One can pray in any physical position! Posture is not the one absolute essential for prayer. There is no command in the Bible to bow one's head, close one's eyes, stand to one's feet, or bend one's knees. However, it is next to impossible to agonize in prayer without kneeling. The deeper the need, the more abject the position.

In the University of Copenhagen Denmark is the famous statue of Christ by Thorvaldsen. It depicts the Master standing with outstretched arms giving his kindly invitation. "Come unto me." It is said that it is impossible to get the full effect and power of this statue unless you kneel and look from that posture.

How hesitatingly we kneel! Is it that we are a little self-conscious, or is it that we just have too much pride?

sociated with the accreditation society.

At least one other Southern Baptist Convention-affiliated seminary, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, had earlier announced similar plans to change the degree name to master of divinity.

Early training has a great deal to do with it. I experienced a severe rebuke when I was a college Junior. We were on a track trip to South Carolina and I had as my room mate a distance runner who was an Episcopalian. Pride or fear, or—I do not know exactly what it was—had for some time kept me off my knees. At bedtime I crawled in and then did my praying. Not so with Roger. As soon as he was ready for bed he dropped to his knees beside the bed and shutting everything out, prayed to God. What a rebuke for me; and what encouraging help for the future!

Pride can be a vice. False pride it is. In the Orient I saw people unhesitatingly fall on their knees. Buddhists, Mohammedans, Christians on their knees. At Masonic services at a grave-side I constantly see men, who usually would be very shy and reticent, drop to their knees for the closing prayer.

Is it not the result of attitude? Does it not indicate reverence? It is, or should be, a mark of Christian growth. We see it in the life of that giant Christian, Paul. Soon after his conversion he wrote that he was "not meet (worthy) to be called an apostle." Later on, as he grew in grace, he cried, "I am less than the least of all the saints." Then as he was about to suffer martyrdom he spoke of himself as the "chief" of sinners.

Even so it was said of the great musician Beethoven that he, in his youth, said, "I am Mozart." Later on he said, in complete surrender to his genius-hero, "Mozart!"

"Every knee shall bow—every tongue shall confess—Christ as Lord!"

### BAPTISTS & CHRISTIAN UNITY by William R. Estep

(Broadman, 199 pp., \$4.95)

This is the most satisfactory volume on ecumenism which thus far has come from the pen of a Southern Baptist writer. The author is a professor at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, and reveals a thorough knowledge both of the unity movements and of Baptists.

After an introductory chapter which considers the meaning of Christian unity, and the necessity for study, the author devotes three chapters to a historical background, showing the history of Christian relationships from immediate post-apostolic times to the World Council of Churches. Two chapters are devoted to Contemporary Ecumenism, one to Catholic Ecumenism, and the other to Protestant councils. The last three chapters deal with Baptists and the Councils, those who cooperate, those outside, and the issues which divide.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT IN TODAY'S WORLD by W. A. Criswell (Zondervan, 193 pp., \$2.95)

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### BAPTISTS & CHRISTIAN UNITY by William R. Estep

(Broadman, 199 pp., \$4.95)

This is the most satisfactory volume on ecumenism which thus far has come from the pen of a Southern Baptist writer. The author is a professor at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, and reveals a thorough knowledge both of the unity movements and of Baptists.

After an introductory chapter which considers the meaning of Christian unity, and the necessity for study, the author devotes three chapters to a historical background, showing the history of Christian relationships from immediate post-apostolic times to the World Council of Churches. Two chapters are devoted to Contemporary Ecumenism, one to Catholic Ecumenism, and the other to Protestant councils. The last three chapters deal with Baptists and the Councils, those who cooperate, those outside, and the issues which divide.

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(Moody, 288 pp., \$3.95)

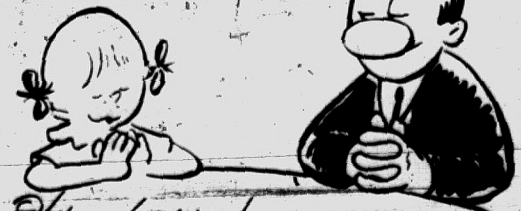
A solid, Bible-based study of mature Christian living. How can a Christian live for and with God in the modern world? The author shows that a strong spiritual life and consistent Christian living must have a solid doctrinal foundation. The book is divided into four sections on fellowship, conduct, conflict, and maturity. He discusses the old mind, heart, and will and contrast them with the new mind, heart, and will. He shows what it means to be crucified with Christ, and filled with the Spirit. He discusses the goal of the Christian and his place in the world and in the flesh. A splendid section deals with the "whole armour of God" and how to use it for victorious living. The author is a pastor and theological teacher.

THE ZONDERVAN PASTOR'S ANNUAL—1967—William R. Austin (Zondervan, 283 pp., \$3.95)

Sermon suggestions, outlines, illustrations for morning and evening Sunday worship services, and for prayer meetings, for an entire year. Added to these are suggestions Bible talks for Children, varied Wedding Ceremonies, Funeral Meditations and extra sermons for special days. The book is well indexed both by scripture text and subject. A well prepared volume for those who find this type of material helpful.



HIS DAUGHTER, NANCY,  
EMBELLISHED HER  
'BLESSING' A BIT...



DEAR LORD, THANK YOU FOR OUR  
SINS, OUR TOYS, AND OTHER  
THINGS WE ENJOY!



## Mississippian Renders Unique Service

Dr. Clyde C. Bryan resigned the 1900-member First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, last July to become a full time, independent consultant in church and institutional building programs. In September he moved to Jackson where his services are being used on the new Mississippi Baptist Convention building, now under construction.

These have been busy months for Dr. Bryan. In addition to the new headquarters building, he has been engaged by the First Baptist Church of Jackson, First Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tennessee, and the University Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. He has also had several conferences with pastors, committees, and trustees of churches and colleges relative to their prospective programs.

Dr. Bryan's work is unique among Southern Baptists in that he works as an independent consultant and, therefore, can devote as much time as needed on any project. He works in cooperation with denominational boards of architecture, but is not paid by them. His services are paid for by the local churches, or architects, or special groups engaging his consultant work. His fees are based on a percentage, or a fixed amount, or on a per day basis. He will meet with any group for preliminary discussions without charge except travel expenses. Experience has shown that the type of service rendered often saves the church far more than the amounts charged and also results in better and more functional buildings.

Dr. Bryan can be reached at Box 10684, Jackson or telephone 352-7213.

Dr. Chester Quarles, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Convention Board, stated recently that more of God's money is wasted in inadequately planned and poorly



Dr. Clyde C. Bryan

maintained buildings than in any other phase of church work. He also said that the work of Dr. Bryan will be of great value to many churches and institutions in the years ahead.

Dr. Bryan has been a building pastor for more than 25 years. He personally drew the basic floor plans for the one and quarter million dollar church building at Hattiesburg which has been used on thousands of pieces of literature published by the Department of Architecture in Nashville. The original architects on that structure offered Dr. Bryan a position if he would assist them in designing churches, but he declined their offer.

The new consultant firm is known as Clyde C. Bryan and Associates. As resource persons he has associated with him men in all needed fields, architecture, engineering, legal, and financial. Their services are used when needed.

The services offered by Clyde C. Bryan and Associates are:

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Clyde C. Bryan and Associates will work with a church, regardless of size, when advance arrangements are mutually agreed upon. The services are not a substitute for the work of architects, but are intended to assist the pastor and the church in the various aspects of a major project.

### "I Will Be Good"

Victoria, age eleven, little dreaming that she was soon to be summoned to the throne of the British Empire, resolved: "I will be good." After more than 63 years as Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, nine children and forty grandchildren, having populated the thrones of Europe and given moral stamina to the then greatest nation on earth, whispered from her death bed in Windsor Castle, January 22, 1901: "Lord, I promised You as a little girl that I would try to be good. Forgive my mistakes; receive my soul."—*Druid Hills Builder.*

Faith goes up the stairs that love has made and looks out of the windows which hope has opened.—*Charles Haddon Spurgeon.*



BAPTIST DEACON JOSEPH KILBY, assisted by his son Robert, fastens a cross to the Baptist pavilion at the national Operation Production Fair in Lower Buchanan, Liberia. The white building in the background is the Unification Pavilion, main building of the fair, held December 8-16.

## New Mission Center Opens In Vietnam

By Mrs. Walter A. Routh, Jr. Missionary to Vietnam

The Vietnamese government plans a new city in the Camranh Bay area which may exceed 3,000,000 people. Already there are 50,000 Vietnamese in the area, most of them working for U. S. Army, Navy, and Air Force bases.

Through the influence of an American Army captain who is a Baptist, the mayor of this area has invited Baptists to open work, offering land on which to erect a temporary building for teaching English-language Bible courses. The mayor also promised Baptists priority in buying property in the new area.

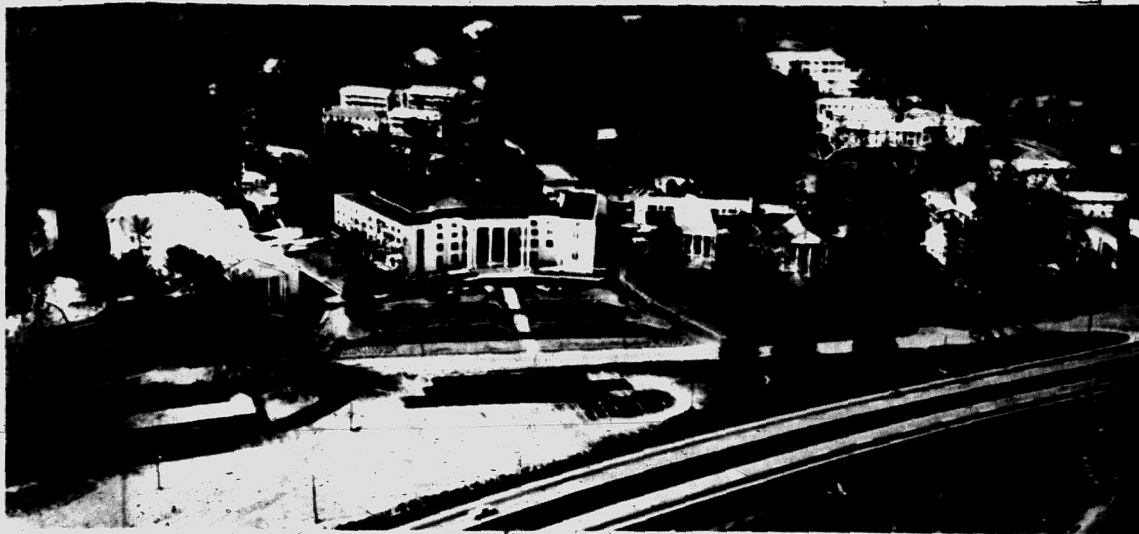
Southern Baptist Missionaries Walker A. Routh, Jr., and Robert R. Compher, of Nha Trang, have been thrilled to see God's hand moving in Camranh Bay. God has used an American chaplain to encourage missionaries and lay leaders in the armed forces in this undertaking. Christians in the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing have donated labor for construction. They set Christmas as the deadline for finishing the 20-by-100-foot structure of four classrooms, reading room, and general assembly room.

The Routh family will move to Camranh Bay in January. Faith Baptist Church, Nha

Trang, where Mr. Routh has been pastor, is calling a Vietnamese pastor to take his place. The Nha Trang church will sponsor the new work in Camranh Bay.

Several Sundays ago a Korean Army major gave his testimony in Faith Church. He said he has been set aside as a Baptist evangelist to Vietnam, and he knows 500 Koreans pray for his ministry.

There are a number of Korean Christians, and also Filipinos, in construction work at Camranh Bay. It is hoped we will all work together to proclaim the gospel to our Vietnamese friends.



NASHVILLE—Located in the lofty peaks of the Blue Ridge Mountains Southern Baptists' eastern assembly provides spiritual inspiration and training conferences for Southern Baptist church members. Plenty of lodging space is available. For meditation there is a prayer garden. For boys and girls there are summer camps. All this is described in a new color film.

## Music, Weather Broadcasts Carry Churches' Message

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (BP)—When most churches use radio as a means of communicating, they usually settle for broadcasting a Sunday worship service, but two churches in Oklahoma have taken a more creative approach.

Southern Hills Baptist Church in Tulsa, Okla., has in effect added a disc jockey to its staff. The church sponsors a one-half hour segment of nightly disc jockey show.

Here in Oklahoma City, the Trinity Baptist Church sponsors a weather forecast and reports up to seven times each week plus broadcasting its Sunday morning service.

In Tulsa, pastor Doug Manning and KVOO broadcaster Jack Campbell are collaborating in producing the unusual program.

On the air less than six months, the Tulsa church and its program have already attracted nationwide attention, and requests for information from churches in other states. "And, say observers, the program has gained staunch support from its members."

### Half-Hour

Even though the church is sponsoring the half-hour program, there is no religious music played.

But neither is there any "rock and roll" or jazz. It's just good popular music, done tastefully by top recording artists. For example:

The last bars of the song, done in the peculiar rhythm made popular by the Tijuana Brass, die away, and according to the radio station format, it's time for a commercial.

The quiet voice of Announcer Jack Campbell comes over the radio, saying: "You know there's been a lot of discussion about the Supreme Court and prayer. Well, the folks at Southern Hills Baptist Church have a message for you on this subject. And that is (slight pause for effect) you can pray as often as you like at their church, and nobody will raise an objection."

### Commercials

As a churchman, an active member of Fellowship Congregational Church, Campbell

writes most of the commercials used on the program. Manning and the Southern Hills members have found no objection to them.

At least one night each week the approach is changed as Campbell may talk about his "night people's" problems, their work or their interests.

On these nights, he adds: "The people of Southern Hills Baptist Church are interested in you and in what you are thinking. Right now, they're sitting by the telephone, and they'll be glad to have you call them."

The calls bring all types of inquiries and comments. People who are ill, despondent, with marital problems or even financial problems call to seek help and request prayer, Manning says.

"We make no demands on the people on the other end of the line," the pastor explains. "We just pick up the receiver, identify ourselves and wait to hear what they have to say."

"Radio doesn't make converts, but it can change an image or create a thirst," Manning insists. Manning says that the money spent on the prime radio time is considered to be well spent because it sends the church's message to people who probably would never be reached in any other way.

### Weather

In Oklahoma City, Trinity Baptist Church's sponsorship of the weather forecasts over KOCY has met with similar success. Robert S. Scales, pas-

tor, reports many favorable responses both from his members and from people outside the church and city.

The commercials on the weathercasts are the work of Gene Bartlett, chairman of the church's deacon committee on public relations and publicity. Bartlett is also church music secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, and uses church music for some of the "spots" on the weathercasts.

The commercials feature testimonials from members and staff pointing out the friendly and spiritual nature of the church, and stress the centralized location, its music program for all ages, its recreation program and youth activities, and the pastor's gospel preaching. But the commercials avoid taking a bragging approach.

Summing up Trinity's radio advertising project, Scales notes: "The weather itself is being brought to you by the sponsor of Trinity Baptist Church. Our sponsor furnishes the weather, we furnish the report."

January 10, 1901—The way was paved for the great Texas oil boom when the first strike was made in Beaumont, Texas.



Rev. Paul L. Smith

## RUTH CHURCH CALLS PASTOR

Rev. Paul Lowell Smith has accepted the pastorate of the Ruth Church, Ruth, Mississippi.

Smith pastored six churches in Alabama, the last being First Church, Fulton, Alabama. He is a graduate of Howard College and New Orleans Seminary, and is in his second year of work toward the Doctor of Theology degree at the New Orleans Seminary.

For the past year he has been in full-time evangelism, and will continue his evangelistic work while he serves at Ruth.

Mr. Smith is married to the former Janet Lindsay of Potsdam, New York. They have one daughter, Janine Greigh, who is 15 months old.

## State Evangelistic Conference

GULFSHORE ASSEMBLY  
February 6-8

Those desiring to stay at Gulfshore should write now for reservations to Tom Douglas, Director of Mississippi Baptist Assemblies, Pass Christian, Miss. Rates are listed below:

**RATES AND ACCOMMODATIONS**  
Rates shown are per person for the entire conference, including meals.

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**NOTE:** Registration Fees are in addition to Daily Rate: \$2.00 per person 9 and above \$ .50 per person 8 and under.

Meals without room	
Breakfast	\$.75
Lunch	1.25
Dinner	1.25

Total Per Day \$3.25

No charge for infants under two years of age (baby cribs available).

Registration begins at 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 7  
First Meal ..... Supper, Monday  
Last Meal ..... Lunch, Wednesday

Several of the nearby motels on the Coast are listed below. Those desiring to stay at one of them may write directly to the motel of their choice:

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One person (double bed) \$10.00, two persons \$12.50  
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**GULF PALMS**—Highway 90, Pass Christian, Miss.—452-4611  
One person (double bed) \$8.00, two persons \$10.00

This is a special rate given Gulfshore. If you write directly you must mention that you are attending a conference at Gulfshore.

**CATALINA MOTEL** — East Beach, Pass Christian, Miss. 452-2436  
(double) \$8.00, (2 doubles) \$10.00

**STARDUST INN**—Highway 90, Long Beach, Miss.—364-7551  
(double) \$7.25, (2 doubles) \$8.50



NASHVILLE—Glorieta means "Sacred grove"—a place of glory where Indians once feasted, held councils, and learned more about their own religion. And this is exactly what Southern Baptists do each summer at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly. In the place of tepees are modern buildings near the old Santa Fe trail and Pecos River. The purpose, history and scenery of Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly and Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist

Assembly are presented in a new color filmstrip available free through state brotherhood secretaries, state Woman's Missionary Union secretaries, associational missionaries, state music secretaries, state Sunday school secretaries, state Training Union secretaries and state student secretaries. The filmstrip is also available through the Baptist Sunday School Board's service division, Nashville.

A registration and tuition fee of \$10 is to be charged, and dormitory rooms on the seminary campus are available at a cost of \$15 for the entire period, said seminary officials.



# The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON— LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM—

## How Men Respond To Christ Jesus' Self-Interpretation

By Clifton J. Allen  
Luke 7:8

Luke records in the two chapters which are the basis of this lesson a succession of events showing Jesus engaged in a ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing. We learn how His miracles declared His compassion and mercy, His tenderness and His strength.

The Lesson Explained  
Four Kinds of Hearers  
Verses 9-15

At this point in his ministry, Jesus introduced a new



Faye Taylor

### Gets 15-Year Pin

Miss Faye Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Taylor of Route 3, Meridian, was presented her 15-year-perfect attendance Sunday school pin by her pastor, Dr. John E. Barrow, at New Hope Church, Lauderdale County, on January 1.

A graduate of Clarksdale High School, Miss Taylor is enrolled at Meridian Junior College. She is an active member of the Young People's Training Union and is director of the Junior and Intermediate Choir at New Hope Church.

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kind of teaching, using parables to set forth the mysteries of the kingdom of God. Jesus would set forth the truth in a way to make an unforgettable impression upon the spiritually sympathetic and teachable. Those sincerely wanting to know would be able to understand the mysteries of the kingdom. But from others—whose minds were closed and whose attitude toward Jesus was confirmed unbelief and animosity—the truth would be concealed. They would thus not be provoked to gather animosity and to violence.

The parable, telling of four kinds of soil, is actually an illustration of four kinds of hearers. Let every person take heed how he hears and how he responds. A hard heart and a closed mind go together.

Hearing Translated  
Into Proclamation  
Verses 16-18

Those who hear the word of Christ and respond to him with faith have an obligation to make his truth known to other persons. Jesus impressed this with a figure of speech.

A candle is not lighted to be covered with some vessel or set under a bed; it is to be placed on a candlestick to give light in the darkness. The disciples had a special responsibility at this point. Jesus declared the truth to them that they might become heralds of the gospel and messengers of salvation. The gospel is not meant to be a secret. It is good news for the world.

Whoever has the habit of acquiring will gain more; whoever does not have the habit of acquiring will lose what he has. The Christian who wants to learn about Christ will learn more and more; the one who listens eagerly will grow in understanding and have more of the truth to share with others. But the person who does not listen to Christ will be confirmed in disobedience and become hardened in doubt and unbelief.

The Relation That Counts  
Verses 19-21

The visit of Jesus' mother and brothers—as we learn better from Mark's Gospel (3:20-21, 31-35)—was an expression of their concern for Jesus. They thought the tension and nervous strain of his ministry was about to cause a mental breakdown. They wanted to take him home for rest. Jesus was not disrespectful toward his family in what he said. But he stated clearly that the relationship in the flesh was not nearly so important as the relationship in the Spirit. True kinship with him was a matter of hearing and doing the word of God. The strongest bond in life is the bond of faith in Christ.

Truths To Live By  
The response of faith pleases Christ. There are unlimited blessings to be claimed through faith in Christ. However ugly the past, however blighted life may have been made by the ravages of sin, one can be made clean by the forgiveness of Christ.

There is fearful danger in unbelief. Unbelief closes the mind and heart. In the case of many people, when they hear the truth of Christ, it is snatched away from them by Satan or made fruitless in them by their shallowness and their selfishness. If persons will not believe in Christ, they doom themselves to separation from God.

Christ confronts us.—We cannot confine Christ to his matchless ministry of compassion and deeds of mercy in Palestine two thousand years ago. He is the living Lord, "let loose upon the world," confronting mankind today.

### BBI TO BUILD NEW LIBRARY

GRACEVILLE, Florida — Baptist Bible Institute will open bids on a new, \$165,000 library building, March 30, at the annual trustee meeting in Jacksonville.

JOHN 10

In this passage we find Jesus interpreting his mission in accord with God's plan of redemption.



Jesus came to show God's concern and plan to redeem all men who would believe. It appears that this discourse is brought forth because the man born blind was excommunicated from the organized religion of Judaism. Jesus attempted to show what he could do for all mankind who would believe.

I AM THE DOOR (10:1-10)

The metaphor of the door signifies the necessity of all people and leaders, going through Him into the fold of God, there to find security and nourishment. The door stands for a way of entrance into the true life. Many in Jesus' day were trying to enter God's Kingdom by acts of religion and their own righteousness. But Jesus said he was the only way to fellowship and life with God. The door also stands for protection. The sheep must be protected against wild beasts, false shepherds, thieves and robbers who would come to satisfy their own fleshly desires. The door also prevents the sheep from wandering into danger.

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD (10:11-18)

Jesus says he is the good shepherd who cares enough for the sheep to die for the sheep in contrast to the false shepherds who only care for money instead of the sheep. This unconcern of the false shepherd allows the sheep to be killed. The mission of redemption has in it the volitional death of Jesus for the sheep. He was not the victim of blind circumstances, but one who willingly gave his life. This affirms that his coming was that they might have abundant life.

The true shepherds loved their sheep. This thought was used to bring assurance of security for the sheep. The shepherd's call was associated with tenderness and care. Therefore God's people, like sheep, will not follow false leadership. The sheep know Christ both experimentally and personally as true and good.

As the good shepherd, he is not exclusive in his attention.

His love is not nationalistic. His purpose is to gather together those who would believe into one "flock," called the children of God. A good translation of Verse 16 should read "there shall be one flock and one shepherd." This larger outlook is for his followers to share today.

I AND THE FATHER ARE ONE (10:19-42)

The division among the hearers was caused by their reaction to the sayings of Jesus. This reaction caused Jesus to identify his sheep with those who follow him. They recognized the voice as being identified with God and they followed in eternal life. Those who did not know God wanted to destroy the Son of God.

The relationship of Jesus and the Father brought eternal security to the sheep. (Verses 28-30). This eternal life is abundant and brings changes in this present life. This eternal life can never be destroyed because of the new relationship with God that comes to the believer in Jesus Christ. Because of our security, our new life is to be marked by commitment not superficial actions. This security is no license for sin.

This relationship to the Father brought more authority to Jesus. Jesus did not claim to do anything of Himself. He always worked with His father. Jesus' claim of Messiahship was based upon his works and His ministry. Now he claims the witness of the Father. "I and the Father are one." The Greek word "one" is neuter. Not one in person, but in essence. This thought was bigger than His critics' thinking.

If one wants to know what God is like, look to Jesus. He acted like God. He loved like God. He was God. If one wants eternal life, he can only receive this through Jesus Christ. Jesus came to earth and laid down his life to redeem mankind. This redemption puts us in fellowship with God. We must help others understand this purpose and accept him as Lord. Those who do not know him as Saviour have empty, hopeless, and condemned lives.

Many things in the Bible I cannot understand; many things in the Bible I only think I understand; but there are many things in the Bible I cannot misunderstand.—Anonymous.



Rev. L. D. Wall

### Grenada And Yalobusha Call Missionary

Rev. Leon D. Wall, Sumner, has accepted a call to serve as Superintendent of Missions for Grenada and Yalobusha Associations.

A native of Louisiana, a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary, he served as pastor of churches in Louisiana and Mississippi for 17 years. His last pastorate before entering "associational missions" was First Church, Tutwiler. For the past three years he has been superintendent of missions in Quitman and Tallahatchie Associations.

While in the pastorate, he served six years on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board from Leflore and Tallahatchie Associations. He was president of Clarke College Alumni Association this past year.

He is married to the former Beryl Joyce Wall from Lake Providence, Louisiana. They have one son, Ronnie, a senior at the University of Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Wall will live in Grenada, where he will have offices in the Masonic Building, Main Street, Grenada.

### MRS. HALL'S FATHER DIES

Harry J. Cannon, of Atlanta, Georgia, died January 8. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 10. He was the father of Mrs. Dan Hall, wife of the state music secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson.

Mr. Cannon, a representative of radio advertising, was founder of Harry J. Cannon Associates. He was formerly associated with several newspapers.

Other survivors include the widow, Mrs. Harry J. Cannon; and two other daughters, Miss Mary Cannon, missionary to Japan (Mrs. Hall's twin sister, who is now on leave in the States, at 862 Wildwood Road, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30324), and Mrs. Edwin Wood of Gainesville, Fla.

### Furman Gets Special Grant

GREENVILLE, S.C. (BP)—Furman University has been awarded a special grant of \$275,000 by the Duke Endowment, Furman President Gordon W. Blackwell, announced here.

The grant is for particular projects designed to strengthen the quality of the Baptist school's educational program and is in addition to the amount Furman will receive for 1966 under terms of the Duke Endowment indenture.

The funds will be used specifically for increasing faculty salaries, air conditioning the classroom building and dining hall, physical improvements and renovations of the Furman campus, purchase of a computer and other instructional equipment, James B. Duke Scholarships, faculty recognition and encouragement, strengthening the library, and special academic and cultural projects on campus, said Francis W. Bonner, vice president and dean at Furman.

Furman was one of four colleges and universities to receive funds from the Duke Endowment. Others receiving grants, totaling \$3.2 million for all four schools, were Duke University in Durham, N.C.; Davidson College in Davidson, N.C.; and Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C.

The Duke Endowment was established by James B. Duke in 1924.

### Mississippi To Be Represented At Annual Baptist Board Meeting

NASHVILLE — Mississippi Baptists have representatives scheduled to attend the annual meeting of the Baptist Sunday School Board Jan. 23-24 here.

They are Robert M. Hederman Jr., publisher of the Jackson "Clarion-Ledger," and W. Levon Moore, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pontotoc, Miss.

Hederman serves on the Board's budget committee and Moore on the insurance committee.

Twenty-eight of the 29 Southern Baptist state conventions will be represented at the Board meeting by men elected by the Southern Baptist Convention. Normally a Board member is elected to serve a three-year term.

The 65-member Board determines major objectives and policies, adopts budgets, and elects administrative and executive personnel for the

Baptist Sunday School Board. It is subject to the Southern Baptist Convention's constitution, control and instruction, and operates under powers delegated by the Convention.

Hederman has served as chairman of the board of deacons at First Baptist Church, Jackson, president of the Jackson Lions Club, president of the Mississippi Press Association and treasurer of Southern Newspaper Publishers Association.

Moore serves as moderator of Pontotoc County Baptist Association and as a member of the executive committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. He was pastor of Second Avenue Baptist Church, Laurel, Miss., before going to the Pontotoc church in 1960.

T. Earl Ogg, pastor of College Place Baptist Church, Monroe, La., is president of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

### Names In The News

Miss Edwina Robinson, executive secretary, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, is writer of an article in the February Royal Service, entitled "Operation 100% in Mississippi."

Dr. Paul Gray, Graceville, Fla., dentist, was elected chairman of Baptist Bible Institute trustees in their meeting in Jacksonville, Fla., recently. Rev. Adolph Bedsole, pastor of the Immanuel Church, Panama City, is vice chairman. Bernard Williams, assistant postmaster, Graceville, is secretary.

Rev. Max Robinson of Memphis has accepted the

call of the Mt. Zion Church, Desoto County, as pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. William H. Ferrell, missionaries to Argentina, may now be addressed at Roque Saenz Pena 2540, Olivos, Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina. He was born and reared in Greenville, Miss.; she, the former Opal Young, daughter of a Baptist minister, was born in Port Gibson, Miss., and lived in Hazlehurst and Clinton, Miss., while growing up. At the time of their missionary appointment in 1952 he was Royal Ambassador secretary for Alabama Baptists.

### BH TOPICS FOR FEBRUARY

THE BAPTIST HOUR sermon topics for February are:

February 6—"Faith's Finest Hour" (Hebrews 11:17).

February 13—"Choosing Two Birds In A Bush" (Hebrews 11:24).

February 20—"The Walls

Came Tumbling Down" (Hebrews 11:30).

February 27—"The Past Is Not Enough" (Hebrews 11:39).

Dr. Herschel Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is THE BAPTIST HOUR preacher.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT** Sam W. Waggoner, III, First Church, Newton, is shown presenting awards for perfect attendance. Receiving a fourteen year pin is Glover Simmons, left, a member of the Volunteer Class, while a thirteen year award goes to Miss Donna Simmons, fifteen year class, Intermediate II Department. Rev. Joseph N. Triplett is pastor.



**FIRST CHURCH, TUTWILER**, presented a Christmas Pageant, "Unto Us" on Dec. 18. The church auditorium was filled for perfect attendance. The church choir under the direction of Mrs. M. L. Mitchell presented the music. The characters were under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Kellum. Rev. W. C. Burns is the pastor.



**FOREST CHURCH** has placed an order for a pipe organ with the M. P. Moller, Inc. of Hagerstown, Maryland. The custom designed organ will take 19 months to be built and installed, at a cost of \$32,000.00. Pictured above from left to right are: seated, Mrs. Jack Lee; Fred Gaddis, chairman of the deacons signing the contract; John Worrell, New Orleans representative for the Moller Company; standing, Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor; Syd Doty, minister of music; Dr. Kermit Reynolds; Sidney Lane; and Charles Palmer. Other members of the music committee not shown are Mrs. C. P. Lackey and Mrs. G. B. Beard.

## DEVOTIONAL— Honoring The Ministry

By Leon Emery  
Cooperative Missions Department  
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

Romans 10:15, "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things." Moffatt uses the word "pleasant" for beautiful and the Amplified uses the word "welcome." It means how opportune, ripe or fit is the message of the herald who proclaims the good news. This is a quotation of Isaiah 52:7 and Paul, as does the prophet, emphasizes the exalted position of the messenger of God. It is doubtful that either of these men thought that preachers' feet were any prettier than those of others, but they knew the man of God had a message that should be welcomed by man.

This Scripture has a message to us as preachers. It should impress upon us the exalted place that we hold and lead us to serve with dignity and honor, help us to be constantly aware of the importance of this message in reaching a world for Christ, and remind us of the urgency of this task.

We also find a message for the Christian. Every child of God is here reminded that it was through preaching that he came to know Christ. This should deepen our appreciation, not only for the message, but also for the messenger of God, and deepen our missionary concern. How shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?

Also we find a message to the sinner. It is interesting that Paul pointed this out just after he had made one of the most vivid explanations of the plan of salvation recorded anywhere in the Bible. No wonder the word beautiful is used. This is the only hope for the sinner to know about God's plan of redemption and to believe. He cautions against neglect of this all-important message.

Since the Bible treats this with such high esteem, let us never be guilty of thinking lightly of it. It is God's message given to us by His messengers and we are to share it with the rest of the world.

## Church Administration Seminars Offered By Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE—Three church administration seminars will be offered for pastors, church staffs, and church leaders in connection with the Church Program Training Center at the Baptist Sunday School Board here.

The seminars are Church Public Relations, Jan. 23-27, 1967; Fundamentals of Church Administration, March 13-17; and Principles of Long-Range Planning, April 10-14.

The Church Public Relations Seminar will offer advanced training in communicating the gospel to inside and outside publics. It offers study of theory and application of church public relations, direct mail, church newspapers, publications, press relations, radio, television, public opinion surveys, and special events. Ways to organize for effective communication with members and prospects are explored.

The Fundamentals of Church Administration seminar will be offered for the fifteenth time. The popularity of this seminar has

grown consistently according to Howard B. Foshee, secretary of the Sunday School Board's church administration department. The latest tools, resources, trends, and materials in church administration will be provided for the participant's study. A special feature of the seminar will be an emphasis on analyzing individual leadership potential under the direction of a trained personnel counselor.

The Long-Range Planning seminar will offer advanced training to church leaders on planning the work of the church from three to seven years in advance. How to write church objectives, how to take a church and community survey, how to set goals, how to select strategies, and how to choose basic actions will be major parts of the conference agenda.

For information and registration, write Church Program Training Center, Baptist Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

Registration is \$20.00. The number of participants is limited.

## Summers To Lecture At Southwestern

FORT WORTH (BP)—Ray Summers, chairman of the religious department at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., will deliver the 1967 Day-Higginbotham Lectures at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Feb. 14-17.

The general theme for his messages is "Current Areas of Gospel Study."

Summers, who holds the master and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Seminary, also served as professor of New Testament and Evangelism here, and was director of the school of theology from 1949 to 1952.

In 1950 he became professor of New Testament at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and served there until he assumed his current duties at Baylor in 1964.



**BENNY RAY THOMPSON** was licensed to the gospel ministry December 25, at Longview Church, Longview. Rev. Bill Stroud, pastor, presented the license. Benny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Thompson of Longview. He is a student at Mississippi State University.

## STALNECKERS TO SING AT 1ST. TUTWILER

The Betty and Ed Stalneck evangelistic team will present a concert of sacred music at the First Church, Tutwiler, Friday night, Jan. 20 at 7:00 p. m. The Stalneckers are well known throughout the Southern Baptist Convention for their religious singing. Every one is welcome. Rev. W. C. Burns, pastor, states.

## Revival Dates

Beacon Street Church, Philadelphia: February 5-10; Rev. Wm. F. Evans, pastor. First Church, New Albany, evangelist; W. B. Betts, Indianapolis, music leader; Rev. H. S. Rogers, pastor.



**Randolph Core**  
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**Music Program**

Randolph Core, who served as a faithful member of Daniel Memorial, Jackson, for many years, in his will designated \$1,000 to the church to be used in the music program.

Mr. Core had formerly given the organ and piano for the new auditorium, and also new robes for the Chancel Choir.

The \$1,000 bequest will probably be used for adequate seating for the choir. Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Tucker donated the carpet for the choir loft about a year ago.

Dr. Allen Webb is the Daniel pastor.

## Southwestern Slates New York Studies

PAWLING, New York (BP)—A mid-winter retreat and continuing theological studies program will be held here Jan. 19-21, co-sponsored by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., and the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association.

Three professors on the Southwestern faculty will direct the sessions, designed to provide intensive study in specific fields, Christian ethics, theological studies, and pastoral care.

Leading the studies will be Professors C. W. Brister, pastoral ministry; Milton Ferguson, theology; and William Pinson, Christian ethics.

## Eastlawn Calls Music Minister

Wayne Linderman, student at New Orleans Seminary, and formerly of Birmingham, Alabama, a graduate of Howard College (now Samford University), has accepted the position as minister of music for Eastlawn Church, Pascagoula.

He succeeds Dr. Dodds Douglas who went to First Church, Vidalia, Louisiana, as minister of music and education.

Mr. Linderman is married and the father of a daughter, Lara Beth.

"He is an excellent choir man and is doing a very fine job for Eastlawn," states Rev. Athens McNeil, pastor.



Wayne Linderman



A NEW EDUCATIONAL ANNEX will be dedicated when the Morrison Heights Church in Clinton observes a Day of Dedication and Challenge on January 22.

## MORRISON HEIGHTS PLANS DAY OF CHALLENGE JAN. 22

Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, will celebrate a Day of Dedication and Challenge, on Jan. 22 when a new 8,460 square foot educational building will be officially occupied. Special events have been planned for the entire day.

Sunday School members will try for a record high attendance to beat a previous high of 568 on the pastor's first anniversary, May 1, 1965. Harold McMinn, Sunday School superintendent, is in charge of this phase.

Training Union will try to beat 244. Merton Williams is leading out in this effort. All church members will be working for high attendances at all three worship services that day.

Climaxing the day will be open house in the new building following the evening worship service with refreshments to be served in the Fellowship Hall.

Departments using the new building are arranging attractive displays. They are Nursery, Beginner, Primary and a Choir room featuring large robe and storage closets. Roland Shaw, minister of music, is in charge of a graded choir program.

The nursery reception area and five nursery departments are on the first floor. Beginners have two large rooms and Primaries have three large rooms on the second floor.

A covered portico extending from the south end of the building features a driveway allowing two cars to drive through at one time.

Morrison Heights Church was started nine years ago as a mission of Clinton Baptist Church, (now First Baptist Church of Clinton) and Hinds County Baptist Association. This is the third building program the church has been engaged in. Long range plans now call for a sanctuary.

Membership has grown from 30 who began the Mission on January 1, 1958, to the present membership of 887.

The church has just called its first full-time minister of education and Youth, Paul Jones, who will graduate from New Orleans Seminary on January 17 and will begin his work on February 1.

Rev. Charles Gentry has served as pastor since May, 1964.

## Student Worker Named By BSSB

NASHVILLE (BP)—S. L. Harris, a native of Texas, has been named a consultant in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's student department here.

Harris will specialize in organization and leadership in student work in a key position in the department's administration section.

## Churches In The News

The Blythe Creek Church, Choctaw County, Mathiston, gave \$168.00 last year to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The goal set for this year (1966) was \$200.00. The amount given to this special offering was \$400.00, twice the goal. Rev. Alvin R. Sandifer is pastor.

Strong Hope ordains deacons: On December 18, Strong Hope (Copiah) ordained two new deacons. They were W. J. Butler and Marvin Massey. Rev. Dewitt Mitchell, led Scripture and prayer. Rev. Estus Mason preached the ordination sermon; Rev. J. D. Walker brought the charge. Rev. Perry Culver is pastor.

Duncan Church on Dec. 11 ordained J. E. DeFord as deacon. He began serving Jan. 1, 1967. He replaces M. D. Dunn who rotated off at that time. This marks the return of this church to the rotation system of deacons. Taking part in the service were Rev. Maurice Flowers, Superintendent of Missions in Bolivar County, and Rev. M. W. Hubbell, pastor of First Church, Cleveland. Rev. Odis W. Henderson is pastor.



**ARROWOOD CHURCH, MERIDIAN**, recently presented a ten-year pin to Larry Hoffer, center above, for perfect attendance at Sunday school. Pins also went to Douglas Thompson, left, and Lane Hoffer, right, but for a smaller number of years. Rev. William W. Hoffer is Arrowood pastor.

## Off The Record

I REALLY SMILED AT THIS Dear Douglas:

After a recent tornado, our rented home was damaged and my husband volunteered to repair it. He found the tornado had knocked some brick from the top. He rigged up a beam and pulley, and he and a friend hoisted up a couple of barrels of brick.

After he had fixed the roof, there was a lot of brick left over. He hoisted the barrel up again and secured the line at the bottom. Then he went up and filled the barrel with the extra brick, returned to the bottom and cast off the line.

Unfortunately, the barrel of brick was heavier than he, and when the barrel started down, he started up. He hung on. Halfway up he met the barrel coming down and received a severe blow on the shoulder.

He then continued to the top and banged his head against the beam and got his finger jammed in the pulley.

When the barrel hit the ground, it burst its bottom, allowing the brick to spill out. He was now heavier than the empty barrel and so started down again at high speed. Halfway down, he met the barrel coming up and received severe injuries to his shins. When he hit the ground he landed on the brick, getting severe painful cuts and bruises from the sharp edges.

At this point he must have lost his presence of mind because he let go of the line. The barrel then came down, giving him a rather heavy blow on the head and putting him in the hospital.

My question is this: "Is he covered under our insurance plan?" With his luck I'd venture a guess that he wasn't.

Signed:  
Your sister,  
Virginia  
—Tulsa Herald



William W. Bumstead



Roy D. Farmer, Jr.

## Broadmoor Adds Two New Staffers

William W. (Bill) Bumstead served his first Sunday as minister of music at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, on Christmas Day, when he took charge of music during worship services.

Mr. Bumstead came from Austin, Texas, where he has been minister of music at Hyde Park Church for the past four years.

A native of Jasper, Texas, he attended East Texas Baptist College for his bachelor of music degree. He earned the master of music education degree at North Texas State.

While a student Mr. Bumstead was a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, honor professional music fraternity.

Choirs under his direction have toured 24 states, having sung at both Glorieta and Ridgecrest assemblies, the Capitol in Washington, D.C., and the World's Fair in New York City, as well as many churches across the nation.

Mr. Bumstead is married to the former Janice Elaine Griffin of Houston, Texas, and they have two children, Angela Kathryn, 5, and William Erik, 4.

The Bumsteads live at 4256 Forest Park Drive, Jackson.

January 15, 1827—A daredevil Frenchman named Chabert made the first test of the heat resistance of asbestos. He entered an oven, clad in asbestos and holding a steak in one hand. After twenty minutes he emerged safely ready to eat his well-done steak.

The newest member of the staff of Broadmoor, Jackson, was added Sunday, January 1, when Roy D. Farmer, Jr. began his duties as minister of youth education.

Farmer, a native of Pineville, La., attended Louisiana Polytechnic Institute at Ruston, receiving a bachelor of sacred vocal music degree. He earned the master of religious education degree at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

While in college and seminary Farmer was guest speaker at numerous banquets and religious meetings; sang in an eight-member Madrigal group which toured four states in concert; was active in glee club activities; and directed youth-led revivals in Louisiana.

Prior to coming to Broadmoor, Mr. Farmer served as minister of youth education at Fielder Road Church, Arlington, Texas.

Mr. Farmer is married to the former Linda A. Fielder of Minden, La. Mrs. Farmer is also a musician, having earned the bachelor of vocal music education from Louisiana Tech at Ruston, and for the past several years has taught vocal music for public schools in Texas.

The Farmers live at Canton Road Manor Apartments, Old Canton Road, Jackson.

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